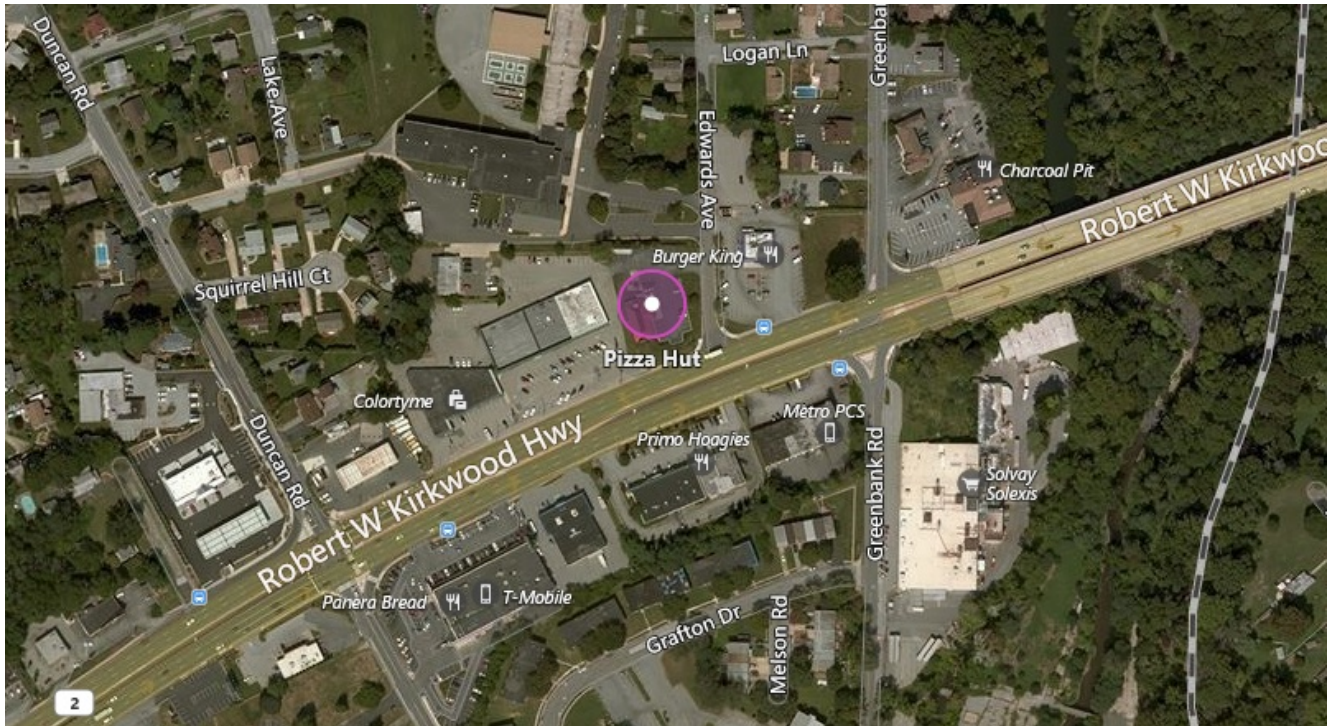


Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery of Kirkwood Highway Pizza Hut



Wilmington (19808) – Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery committed by three suspects that took place over the weekend.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:34 p.m., Saturday, December 2, 2017, at the Pizza Hut, located 3611 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, as a 24 year old female employee, who was working behind the sales counter, observed three subjects enter the store.

The first subject to enter the business, was displaying a black handgun, and had it pointed directly at the victim. As he and a second subject approached the victim behind sales counter, a third subject remained at the entrance door acting as a lookout.

The subject possessing the hand gun, then ordered the victim

to remove all the money from the safe, while at times sticking the muzzle of the gun into her side. After obtaining money from the safe, the suspects also demanded money from the registers. The victim complied, and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspects also ordered the victim to surrender her Apple I-phone, which she did. After obtaining all the property, the suspects then forced the victim into the walk-in freezer, before fleeing in an unknown direction.

The victim who was not locked in the freezer, waited approximately ten minutes before exiting, at which time she called 911. The victim was uninjured as a result of the incident.

The suspects are described as follows:

Suspect #1: Black male, 25-35 years of age, 5'5"-5'7", wearing all dark clothing, with a mask covering his face, displayed a black, unknown make and model handgun.

Suspect #2: Black male, 25-35 years of age, 6'0"- 6'2", wearing all dark clothing, a black knit hat, with a mask covering his face.

Suspect #3: Black male, 5'8"-5'10", wearing all dark clothing, a black knit hat, with a mask covering his face.

No surveillance footage is available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Detective C. Hevelow of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit at 302-365-8471. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services

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